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September 26, 2006

Attn: Gina Muhs Saizan
Louisiana Oil Spill Coordinator's Office
Office of the Governor
State Office Building
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Re: Invitation to Participate in Cooperative Assessment Process;
Louisiana Case No. 2006_0621_0846

Dear Ms. Saizan:

CITGO Petroleum Corporation ("CITGO"), in response to Mr. Roland Guidry's letter, dated August 28, 2006, providing a formal invitation to CITGO to participate with the natural resource trustees (the "Trustees") in the Preassessment Phase of the Natural Resource Damage Assessment ("NRDA") process accepts this invitation and intends to work together with the natural resource trustees in good faith to conduct a cooperative assessment.

Although the August 28, 2006 letter provided a formal invitation to CITGO to participate in the assessment process, CITGO has been participating in the assessment process since it began shortly after the June 19, 2006 incident. CITGO remains committed to participation in the NRDA process with the understanding that, in order for the NRDA process to work "efficiently and effectively" as referenced in your letter, CITGO and the natural resource trustees must work in a mutually collaborative manner.

CITGO respects the important role played by the Trustees in the NRDA process and is committed to working cooperatively together with the Trustees to achieve a quality assessment.

Sincerely,

David Hollis, Manager
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